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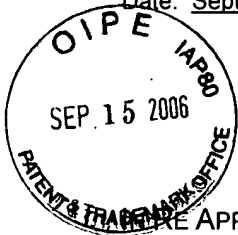
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION OF: LARRY ROUTHENSTEIN

APPLICATION NO.: 09/960,715

FILED: SEPTEMBER 21, 2001

FOR: METHOD FOR GENERATING
CUSTOMER SECURE CARD
NUMBER

EXAMINER: TAYLOR, APRIL ALICIA

ART UNIT: 2876

CONFIRMATION NO.: 4275

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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application,
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- ☒ Other: An Information Disclosure Statement.

- b. ☒ Enclosed Comments on Reasons for Allowability and Interview Summary.
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$790.00;
- ☐ Return postcard.

2. Extension of Time:

- ☐ Applicant requests a _____-month extension of time.

3. Fees *The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when RCE is filed.*

- a. ☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the following fees:
- ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
\$790.00 (large entity).
- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees to Deposit Account No. 50-3569.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance
and Interview Summary**

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Sir:

The undersigned had a brief telephone conference with Examiner Taylor regarding the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowability sent July 12, 2006. Applicant pointed out that the reasons set forth by the Examiner were applicable to claims 1-26, which all include the limitations of a transaction information block, a counter block and an encrypted personal identification number block, but not to claims 27-35, which do not include the stated limitations. The Examiner acknowledged that these claims 27-35 did not include the aforementioned limitations and were allowable for other reasons and invited these Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

An RCE is being submitted herewith to allow the consideration of additional references. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, she is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number set forth below.

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